

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

30th January 2023 - 19:30

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89624663013?pwd=d0RLMHczMWxCTTNBeW9jRkNjMjU0OT09>

Attendees: DF JR MM AR SC

Apologies:

Updates from previous meetings

1. Leith Connections - legal orders out. Any updates? **Possibly set up a meeting with Chas Booth?**
2. Road resurfacing ([list of schemes](#), [our previous comments](#)) - any updates? We can request a meeting to discuss the specifics of any of the proposed schemes (perhaps including Lawnmarket proposal to disregard their own policy on setts). JR has made comments. See [excel](#) with comments & please add.
3. Tram Cycle Safety. **Formally complain about delay to Scott A, Local Ward Cllrs and Paul Lawrence / Daisy? Expected that final work starts in February - wait till after that.**
4. Braid Road "reopened" 19th November - any experiences? SpokesSE have sent comments. Some adjustments made already prior to SpokesSE comments.
5. Sheriffhall inquiry - starts 30/1. DF gives evidence later in the week.
6. [New Progress List](#)

TEC papers

DdF coordinating [written deputation](#) to 2.2.23 TEC with very preliminary comments on the CMP policy delivery package 7.1-7.4 below, particularly 7.3 ATAP

1. 7.1 [Circulation Plan – Delivering the City Mobility Plan](#)
 1. **DF ask Claire Miller to propose that interim, measurable, targets are included and show contribution that initiatives make to reductions,**
2. 7.2 [Public Transport Action Plan 2023](#)
 1. 7-7-7 Bus lanes delayed for *another* consultation.
 2. PT1 - Suggest to include cycling?
 3. PR5-8: Should be a clear statement to ensure new PT schemes (tram) must include high quality AT improvements.
 4. Suggest action to develop bikes on buses schemes?
3. 7.3 [Active Travel Action Plan 2023](#) - Table 1 has a list of projects proposed for 2026-2030.
 1. QuietRoutes rebranded as "Edinburgh Cycle Network". Routes to also be marked with cycle markings (good!). Not clear how they will actually sign the routes. ECN6 etc?
 2. Red road surface (red chip or other) as per Street Design Guidance
 3. p242 Bridges - Good to see many important bridges included like the Slateford Aqueduct & Russell Road NEPN. Spokes would ask if the Brunstane bridge replacement could connect to Gilberstoun connecting to NCN 1.
 4. Maps are good to see but they are hard to access and a digital / large format version needs to be provided for real analysis.
 5. "Joining up journeys with our public transport network" section emphasises trains and parking being responsibility of other parties (Network Rail / Scotrail). However this misses an opportunity for cycle parking provision at Bus & Tram Stops which are within the responsibility / control of the council. Also as per the successful schemes to carry bikes onboard bus services by Borders Buses and Ember we consider there should be a review by Lothian family company bus services to encourage joined up journeys.

4. 7.4 [Parking Action Plan](#) - support? Suggestion for higher chargers f
5. 7.5 [Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme – Options Appraisal](#) - various options from “Do nothing” to a 1500 bike, 140 docking station scheme. Dockless schemes ruled out. “The scheme which best fits the objectives of the project is Option E1” - 1500 bike, citywide, scheme with “Managed Service”. Scott Arthur quoted as saying approval is “unlikely”.
There appears to be minimal information reviewing the Glasgow OVO / NextBike scheme which seems odd given the local context and ready comparison. Also more concerning is that there doesn't appear to be a review of other regional schemes like Falkirk or East & Midlothian which seems odd given it could be beneficial in terms of SESTRANS to have a common system across the wider region.
The context of the City Mobility Plan & car KM reduction targets (-30%) as well as new bus provision and tram lines etc are an ideal opportunity to have cycle hire integrated from the start with docks at stops to encourage the modal shift being targeted.
COMO UK a scheme of 1000 bikes should have annual costs of around £300,000 total cost to council. Therefore the financial implications seem of a different scale
6. 7.7 [Queensferry Town Centre Project](#) Not on planning Hub. Consultation has been with local traders and community council. Spokes not been able to feed in effectively. Objecting to contraflow, unsegregated cycle lane and a number of other points. Lots of “shared space” Expectation is that it goes ahead as designed there will be parking in cycle lanes and pedestrian spaces. Community council has asked for a report on parking which the Council commissioned. Transport Scotland is looking at turning over some of its space over to parking. Report does not mention Schools or national cycle routes and would be detrimental to these. Written deputation will be submitted.
7. 7.9 [West Edinburgh Link Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders and Redetermination Orders](#) - TROs recommended for approval; RSOs going to Scottish Ministers to consider a public hearing/approve.
8. 7.10 [Results of the West Crosscauseway, Chapel Street, Quarry Close and Buccleuch Street hearing](#) - recommends approval, following public hearing.

Ongoing Projects

1. CCWEL
 1. A8 from Roseburn to Magdala Crescent close to completion.
 2. Melville St north mostly complete.
 3. Further delays overall, completion now October 2023.
2. Corstorphine LTN
 1. Supposedly started 23/01 with some elements delayed till April (Meadow Place Road gas works).
3. Holyrood Road/Canongate
 1. Resurfacing/AT work underway from 30/01.
4. Roseburn - Canal
 1. Site set-up 30/01.
5. Tram Cycle Safety
 1. Sth St Andrew St work planned from 27/02.

Other Transport

1. [Speed limit consultations](#). Close 8 Feb 2023 - some notes in previous agenda. **DF will do on 4th.**
2. [Rural Road speed limits](#) - also closes 8 Feb. **DF will do on 4th.**
3. [ETROs for Travelling Safely](#) Major consultation, open till 20 May, for comments on existing and desirable improvements, Once we have drafts or initial comments for these areas, DdF can email local members for comments.
 1. **East package** - Spokes Party has agreed to tackle the entire package
 2. **South package** - Can Spokes South Ed (Stella/John etc) take it on?
 3. **West package** - At least for Lanark Rd, SW20Ed is likely to do a high quality response - perhaps we liaise and support it rather than a separate one?
 4. **North/Central/rest-of-West** - **DF to look for previous submissions, PG and MMCD to respond.**
4. LEZ Mitigation - Morrison Street and Tollcross. *JR has drafted a reply and offered to propose an online meeting / call but only if there is any chance of including benefits for cyclists. No point meeting if there is no chance of improvements.*

5. *Drum Brae North protection removed.* LB listened to when they ask for cycle protection to be removed, but not necessarily for other things which delay buses.
6. [TRO/22/22](#) - Various Roads - Introduce 24-hour pedal cycle parking places - should support. *JR to submit. Deadline 10 February 2023*
7. Various parking restrictions, including at Grange Road: *10 February 2023*
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roads-pavements/view-comment-traffic-orders-new/4>
 1. Potential comment about making it clear bikes can still go left/right. New “via crossing” cycle sign?

Policy

1. NPF4 - [latest version](#) becomes “official” from 13th February. Cycling UK hosted a workshop with Planning Aid Scotland.

Planning

1. Cycle parking - DF had a meeting with Cllr Osler about non-standard cycle parking in new developments. She has suggested writing to the Planning Committee - and a draft is [here](#). Also tried to meet with Matthew Simpson (council’s transport/planning officer), but not had a response yet.
2. 23/00008/FUL student accommodation incl. g/f retail and comm'l; 35 Jock’s Lodge. 10 Feb.
3. 22/06119/FUL demolish existing, erect student accommodation incl. cycle parking; 27 Arthur St, EH6; 10 Feb.
4. 22/06262/PAN for a PPP: logistics, business, industrial, trade counter, EV charging etc Sw of Old Liston Rd, Newbridge (former Continental Tyre Factory); exhibitions 31 Jan, 3-8pm, Newbridge Bowling Club; and 23 Feb, 3-8pm
5. 22/06357/PAN ditto, for a FUL
6. 22/06290/FUL phase 4, res dev., north of Waterfront Ave; west and east of Saltire St.; cycle path (old railway) runs adjacent. 3 Feb *JR commented. Only comment could be the crossing of the access road into the site should be redesigned to have continuous foot / cycleway parallel to Waterfront Avenue and door to door cycling access. Cycle provision seems adequate and low car parking provision relative to number of flats.*
7. 22/06227/PAN res dev (220 units) east of Glennie St., Newcraighall. **DF to check and comment on cycleway connections.**

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Next Meeting?

Next Transport & Environment Committee meeting on [2 Mar 2023 10.00 am](#). TEC meetings will apparently be monthly going forward.

27th February.